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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted:

Group I, claim(s) 33-43, drawn to a method of manufacturing a corner trim piece.

Group II, claim(s) 1-32, drawn to a corner trim piece.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The method as claimed can be used to practice a different practice such as manufacturing a wall stud element. The apparatus as claimed can be manufactured in many other ways besides those claimed here.
3. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

- **Species 1** of Figure 1 comprising a trim piece with flanges placed over a bullnose corner bead.
- **Species 2** of Figure 2 comprising a trim piece with flanges placed against the curved external surface of the corner bead.

- **Species 3** (not shown) comprising a trim piece with at least one flange and wherein each of the left and the right surfaces define an interlocking portion.
- **Species 4** (not shown) comprising a trim piece with at least one flange and wherein the left and right surfaces are substantially non-perpendicular to the back and the front surface.
- **Species 5** of Figures 6 and 7 comprising a trim piece with at least one flange and wherein the back is partially open exposing a back edge of the top surface, a back edge of the bottom surface, a portion of a back side of the front surface, and at least one vertical reinforcing rib.
- **Species 6** of Figure 8 comprising a trim piece without flanges, but with left and right surfaces formed having angled left and right surfaces.
- **Species 7** of Figure 9 comprising a trim piece without flanges, but with left and right surfaces formed having left and right surfaces essentially parallel with the edges of the trim boards.
- **Species 8** of Figure 10 comprising a trim piece without flanges, but with left and right surfaces formed having interlocking left and right surfaces.
- **Species 9** (not shown) comprising a trim piece without flanges and wherein the back is partially open exposing a back edge of the top surface, a back edge of the bottom surface, a portion of a back side of the front surface, and at least one vertical reinforcing rib.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify

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the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

4. The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

- Species 1 of Claims 1, 7, 33
- Species 2 of Claims 1, 5, 6, 33
- Species 3 of Claims 1, 8, 9, 33, 36, 37
- Species 4 of Claims 1, 10, 33, 38
- Species 5 of Claims 1, 12, 13, 33, 40, 41
- Species 6 of Claims 18, 27
- Species 7 of Claims 18, 24
- Species 8 of Claims 18, 25, 26
- Species 9 of Claims 18, 29, 30

The following claim(s) appear to be generic: independent Claim 18.

5. The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: (see above for description of different species and their corresponding technical features).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charissa Ahmad whose telephone number is (571) 270-5220.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 am to 5 pm (alternate Fridays off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. Allen Shriver can be reached on (571) 272-6698. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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